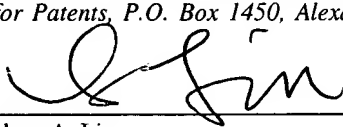




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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Blake Ming Qi Dong, et al. Confirmation No. 3296
Application No. : 09/944,534
Filed : August 31, 2001
Title : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL AND
DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE BEARING ITEMS IN A PC POSTAGE
SYSTEM

Grp./Div. : 3639
Examiner : Jon M. Bass

Docket No. : 47013/S850

Commissioner for Patents
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January 10, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated September 27, 2005 for 1 month(s) from December 27, 2005 to January 27, 2006.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$120
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$0
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$0
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$0
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$0

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 120.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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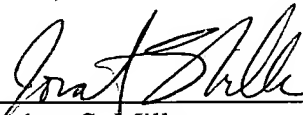
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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